

County of Placer

Foresthill Forum

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - Approved 3/7/2022

Monday, February 7, 2022 Online via Zoom

This meeting was conducted by webinar and teleconference. There was no physical location open and/or accessible. Forum members and County staff participated in this meeting by webinar or teleconference.

The public was invited to observe and participate in this meeting via webinar or audio.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 7:04pm

2. Welcome & Introduction of Members:

Chase Dowling Chair, Stephen Smith Vice Chair, Larry Jordan, Gail McCafferty, Sharon Page, Debbie Sanchez, Joshua Miller (Late)

3. Action Item(s):

A. Approval of February 7, 2022 Agenda:

MOTION: McCafferty/Page 6/0 to approve Agenda as is. **AYES:** Jordan, McCafferty, Page, Sanchez, Smith, Dowling

ABSENT: Miller

B. Approval of December 6, 2021 Minutes:

MOTION: Jordan/Page 6/0 to approve Minutes as is.

AYES: Jordan, McCafferty, Page, Sanchez, Smith, Dowling

ABSENT: Miller

4. Public Comment:

- 1. Linda Hoffman Thank you for the gift cards provided for help with the storm damage.
- 2. Jake Brown Inquired as to when speaking was permitted for Item 7B. Will wait for that item to be presented.
- 3. Debra Guidi Spoke on behalf of information and questions the Chamber of Commerce received during the big snowstorm. Propane refill issues, pricing, access. Where is the main source for people to go, to seek help and gain information during an event like this? Is there an established elderly check in? information will be covered in the County report.

5. Forum Member Comments:

 Gail McCafferty – The dedication for the Library bench will take place next month date and time will be announced in the messenger and during the County report. A presentation to the CALIVO CALIVO

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Sheriff's department from the Bearpaw Quilters will also occur at the same time and location.

6. Reports:

A. Public Safety:

- 1. **Placer County Sheriff's Department:** Deputy Mackenstadt gave report numbers for the Month.
- 2. CHP: Officer Kelly Introduced himself and gave the report numbers for the patrol area for the Year of 2021. Traffic concerns, vehicle abatements, please reach out to the office at any time the sooner things are reported the sooner they can be taken care of.
- 3. U.S. Forest Service: Mary Grim Spoke regarding a few projects, there is a lot of tree damage etc. from the storm and it will take a while to clean up. Spring hiring for seasonal jobs is starting up and staffing will increase this year.
- **4.** CalFIRE: Battalion Chief Furtado Crews are currently busy with training season. Staff currently active are actively engaged in areas responding as needed. Stations may be staffed late winter early spring.
- 5. Foresthill Fire Protection District: Chief Ridley Gave report numbers and spoke regarding staffing. Thanked the community for pitching in during the Storm. Please continue cleanup and defensible space clearing as you can.
- **6. Foresthill Fire Safe Council:** Chase Dowling Gave a numbers comparison for Fire wise communities in Placer County. Phase 3 of the Powerline fuel break is complete Phase 4 will start next year. Asked about green waste bins community members are inquiring.
- 7. Placer County Fish & Game Commission: Not in Attendance

B. Committees & Community:

- 1. Foresthill Union School District: Not in Attendance
- 2. Parks & Trails Subcommittee: Not in Attendance
- 3. Foresthill Chamber of Commerce / Economic Development Council: Debbie Guidi Continued comments from Public comment. Shout out about the Tree lighting event this year such a great turnout one of the nicest in a long time. Further questions regarding the Volunteer Fire sale this year will it happen and when will donations start to be accepted if so. Yes, and sometime in April. Also inquired about the dog park plans. The parks projects list is due to be on the Board of Supervisors (BOS) agenda for approval February 22nd.
- **4. Foresthill PUD:** Hank White Sugar pine is about 93% of capacity, expect it to be full by the end of February. During the storm they were well prepared, and everything went well. Only 2 emergency responses were needed for service interruption and those were handled quickly.



C. County Report: Supervisor Cindy Gustafson – Gave updated Covid 19 numbers. Storm damage, the County is still waiting on State funding. Hoping to get more chipping and green waste options. The County has already put in over \$500,000 to get roads open and cleared. Propane issues ended up being a huge supply and demand issue. County was able to have the Office of Emergency Services get access to gas cards to distribute. The chipping program is up and running and has a wait time. Hoping to add another crew this year. Will keep fighting for money from the State. Spoke regarding upcoming items on the BOS agenda. The Foresthill library is open. The Library bench dedication for Katherine Berger will be held March 30th at 3:00pm

7. Information/Non-Action Item(s):

A. Proposed AT&T Cell Tower Project.

The MAC received an overview of a proposed wireless communications facility, including a 180-foot-tall tower to be located in the center of the project parcel, and a 100-foot by 100-foot master lease area on a 0.22-acre parcel located approximately 1,000 feet north of the intersection of Sunset Drive and Foresthill Road in Foresthill. The project lease area would include a pre-fabricated concrete equipment shelter measuring 8 feet by 8 feet located at the base of the tower. The proposed project would require approval of a Minor Use Permit.

Presented by: Brian Parkin, Blake Hooper AT&T. Bennett Smithart, Planning Services Division

B. Proposed Rural Recreation Resort

The MAC received an overview of Getaway House, a proposed rural recreation resort with approximately 60 tiny cabins for short-term, nightly rentals. The project site is comprised of seven separate parcels totaling 308 acres located on the north side of Foresthill Road between Melody Lane and Idelwild Road. The proposed project would require approval of a Minor Use Permit. This was a thoroughly discussed Item with County staff, community members, presenters, and Forum members asking and answering questions and providing further information as requested.

Presented by: Kris Steward, Plan Steward, Inc. and representatives of Getaway House, Inc. Nico Turek, Stephen Maulden

8. Adjournment: 9:42 pm to next tentative meeting on March 7, 2022.